

The regular monthly meeting of the Altoona Water Authority Board of Directors was held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 in the board room at the Administrative Office. Chairman Schirf called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance:

Mr. Schirf, Mr. Ake, Mr. Neugebauer, Mrs. Marcinko & Mr. Strohm were present, constituting a quorum in accordance with AWA Bylaws. All AWA Board of Directors meetings are conducted in accordance with the PA Sunshine Laws. Also in attendance were Consulting Engineer, Mark Glenn, Solicitor, Alan Krier, AWA Staff, Mark Perry, Mike Sinisi, Gina DeRubeis, Ron Becher and Kathy Gabella.

Guests: Mr. Joe Fedeli & Mr. Leonard Sapp of Fiore, Fedeli, Snyder & Carothers, LLP

Public Comment:

None

Approval of the Minutes:

Mrs. Marcinko made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2017 meeting. Mr. Ake seconded the motion. Mr. Schirf called the question. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0. The minutes were approved as submitted.

Unfinished Business:

1. Bellwood Reservoir – the Authority is continuing to assess silt disposal sites on PA Game Land near Blandburg.
2. Bellwood Water Treatment Plant Design Upgrades – the pilot study for the membrane filtration is continuing. DEP was in for a site visit and had no comments; everything seems to be acceptable. A meeting with Authority staff is being scheduled next week to review several process systems including ozone.
3. The Revocable License Agreement with GAJE (the local owners of the Wingate) for auxiliary parking is ready for signatures. This parking will be primarily for employees of the Wingate to use during the Authority's off hours.

Requisition Approval:

Mr. Schirf asked Mrs. DeRubeis for the Financial Report and the Requisitions/Authorizations. Mrs. DeRubeis gave her report and then asked for approval of the following requisitions.

Requisitions #70 Water Division Construction Fund totaling – \$67,056.00

Requisition #2015-30 Water Division Capital Project Fund totaling - \$23,209.50

Mr. Neugebauer made a motion to approve the requisitions. Mrs. Marcinko seconded the motion. Mr. Schirf called the question. Motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

New Business:

1. Developer's Agreement between Rose Marie DeKoning, Nicole Maddas and the Altoona Water Authority. This is a standard agreement to serve two properties and the Authority will assume ownership of the sewer line upon completion.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution #17-05-850 to authorize the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary to execute the Revocable License Agreement between GAJE and the Altoona Water Authority.

Mrs. Marcinko made a motion to approve resolution #17-05-850. Mr. Neugebauer seconded the motion. Mr. Schirf called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

2. Resolution #17-07-856 to authorize the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and the Secretary or Assistant Secretary to execute the Developer's Agreement between Rose Marie DeKoning, Nicole Maddas and the Altoona Water Authority and the Altoona Water Authority shall assume ownership of said sanitary sewer line upon completion and approval of the proposed extension.

Mrs. Marcinko pointed out the agreement referenced a water line on page seven of the developer's agreement. With a change made to reference a sanitary sewer line Mr. Neugebauer made a motion to approve resolution #17-07-856. Mr. Ake seconded the motion. Mr. Schirf called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Other Business:

Mr. Glenn stated in June at the National Conference of the Water Works Association their Board of Directors and Executive Committee awarded the City of Altoona the American Landmark Award for the Altoona Reservoir system. This designation has only been conferred to two (2) other Pennsylvania water related systems, one in Philadelphia and the other in Bethlehem with the last one being in 1978. The AWWA is going to make a formal presentation along with a plaque to the City of Altoona and the Authority on September 25th at 11:00a.m. at the Horseshoe Curve Visitor's Center. Mayor Matt Pacifico will accept the award on behalf of the City.

Mr. Neugebauer mentioned what a good job the Boy Scouts are doing on painting the fire hydrants. There are two individuals using this project to attain Eagle Scout status.

Mr. Fedeli gave a brief presentation of the 2016 Audit Report. There were no findings. Mr. Neugebauer made a motion to approve the 2016 Audit Report. Mr. Ake seconded the motion. Mr. Schirf called the question. Motion passed with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

Media Questions

The board and staff addressed questions from Bill Kibler from the Altoona Mirror.

Executive Session:

An executive session was called at 9:40 for legal and personnel issues.

Adjournment:

No further business was brought before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building located at 900 Chestnut Avenue.



Secretary/Assistant Secretary

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